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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR McMANIS.

STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION.

CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR MR JOHN YEO.

WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS.

## INVOLVED

ITEM NO: 1

DATE: 9 MARCH 1974

SUBJECT: MORE PROBLEMS IN FORMING LAO COALITION GOVERNMENT

REF : VIENTIANE 1929, 070222Z MAR 74, SECRET

PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA IS ENCOUNTERING FURTHER OBSTACLES IN HIS EFFORTS TO FORM A NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT. MUCH OF THE BLAME RESTS WITH THE PATHET LAO LEADERSHIP IN SAM NEUA, WHICH HAS FAILED TO DISPATCH A SENIOR NEGOTIATOR TO VIENTIANE WITH A PROMISED LIST OF LAO COMMUNIST CANDIDATES FOR THE COALITION CABINET AND ITS ADVISORY POLITICAL COUNCIL. THE PATHET LAO ARE ALSO DEMANDING MORE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROCEDURES FOR NEUTRALIZING THE TWIN CAPITALS OF VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG AS THE PRICE FOR FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD FORMING THE COALITION.

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PATHET LAO PROCRUSTINATION HAS PLAYED INTO THE HANDS OF SOUVANNA'S CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL OPPONENTS IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THEY ARE NOW DEMANDING CONVOCATION OF A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO ADDRESS THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE RAISED BY SOUVANNA'S PLAN FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE COALITION. HE WANTS DIRECT ROYAL INVESTITURE AND THE BYPASSING OF THE ASSEMBLY. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE KING TOO IS BACKPEDALLING FROM HIS ASSURANCES TO SOUVANNA THAT HE WOULD INVEST THE NEW GOVERNMENT WITHOUT PRIOR ASSEMBLY APPROVAL. E-2 IMPDET.H

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